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By his Spirit he has garnished the heavens.—JOB.

For Heaven

Is as the Book of God before thee set,
Wherein to read his wondrous works.—MILTON.



HIEROGLYPHIC—No. XXIII.
THE EFFECTS OF SATURN IN GEMINI.

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The Weekly Astrological Calendar:

FOUNDED ON CELESTIAL INFLUENCE.

From Sept. 25, to Oct. 2, 1824, inclusive.

For Fortune, at some hours, to all is kind :
The lucky have whole days, which still they choose ;
The unlucky have but hours, and those they lose....DRYDEN.

Sept. 26. A vexatious day.

27. This day is devoted to the evil genii ; the planets are unusually hostile, and unfortunate events will follow the commencement of any undertaking. Nothing this day can prosper ; accidents and robberies, accusations, and numerous offences, are likely. Marriage, on this day, will end in separation and discord. Saturn, Mars, and the Moon are, this day, warring with each other. *Late in the evening it is rather favourable.*

28. A milder influence rules this day. Females and males feel the genial influence of Venus, who is propitious for love, business, gain, travelling, &c. Land journeys are, this day, quick and successful. The child born this day will be very fortunate.

29. The morning of this day is indifferent. The afternoon very unfavourable for business and gain. Accidents are likely to the traveller or voyager.

30. In love-affairs, productive of confusion and much deceit ; treachery and breach of promise. The child born will be unfortunate in love.

Oct. 1. Likewise unfavourable, especially to the fair sex.

2. This day is very unfortunate for any pursuit of gain ; but good for transactions requiring secrecy. Very bad for marriage.

ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Sept. 24. Conjunction of the Moon and Mercury in Libra at four in the morning.

Sept. 27. Conjunction of the Moon and Mars at a quarter past eight in the morning.

28. Conjunction of ♀ α at seven in the morning, diff. lat. $2^{\circ} 48'$. The planet Mercury retrograde in Libra.

PROPHETIC REMEMBRANCES.

Mercury is still retrograde in Libra; this is unfavourable for those who are connected with literary concerns and foreign merchandise; neither is it well for youthful persons.

Flying reports are in circulation, and an extensive forgery is to be expected, or a mail-coach robbery.

A military character is nearly ruined by prodigality, and a duel in Ireland is scarcely prevented.

One high in office in the Sister Country meets with much sickness, and another is disgraced or ridiculed.

The bills of mortality are swelled with a fearful increase.—*Tempus fugit.*

THE CAPITOL OF ROME.

THE capitol of Rome, seated on the Tarpeian rock, seemed to contend with heaven for height; and no doubt but the length and breadth were every way answerable. The excessive charge that Domitian was at in the building of it, Martial (after his flattering manner) hath wittily described, and which may be thus translated:—

So much has Cæsar to the gods decreed,
That should he call it in, or payment need,
Though Jove himself should barter heaven away,
His mighty debts he never could repay.

We may (in part) give a guess at the riches and ornaments of it by this, that there were spent, only upon its gilding, above twelve thousand talents; it was all gilded over, not the inner roof only, but the outward covering, which was of brass or copper; and the doors of it were overlaid with thick plates of gold, which remained till the reign of Honorius.

Martial, l. 9. Epist. 4.

CHOICE SECRETS
IN NATURAL AND OCCULT PHILOSOPHY.

(Continued from p. 232.)

ASTROLOGICAL. FROM RARE AND VALUABLE AUTHORS.

WHEN Mercury is in the tenth house, not impede (or afflicted), the child then born will be mighty, wise, and a great philosopher.

In the first beginning of any sickness, or at the time of a question for the state of a sick person, if the Moon be corrupt or afflicted of Saturn in the three first degrees of Scorpio, it betokens death.

Hermes says, that an evil planet in Cancer doth threaten short life and continual sickness to the mother of the child then born.

According to Taisnier, an evil planet in Leo doth shew or betoken short life to the father of the child then born.

SYMPATHETIC SECRETS.

TO DRIVE AWAY BATS OR MICE.

The smoke of ivy burned doth drive away bats or mice from that place where the same smoke is.

TO DESTROY WARTS.

If you rub warts with agrimony, stamped and mixed with vinegar, and plastered upon them, it taketh them away entirely; and also if parsley be rubbed upon them, it pulleth them up by the roots.

IMPROVEMENT OF FLOWERS.

If roses and lilies be sown together, so as to touch one another, the flowers of them will smell the more pleasantly, and will grow the better.

THE HEN.

If an egg be painted with various colours, and the same set under a hen which is sitting, she will hatch thereof a chicken, having feathers similar to the colours painted on the egg.

FOR THE GOUT.

The leaves of a willow-tree, as also the bark thereof, sodden in wine, doth help them that have the gout, if they are fomented or bathed therewith.

TO MAKE TEETH DROP OUT.

The powder of earthworms, of mice dung, or of a hart's tooth put into the holes of teeth that are decayed, doth pluck them up by the roots, or make them fall out without any other instrument.

(*To be continued.*)

SINGULAR PHYSIOGNOMICAL OPINIONS

OF

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SHARP,

The celebrated Engraver.

THIS most celebrated artist, perhaps the first of his day, died at Chiswick on the 25th July, at the age of 74. He was born about the year 1749. On the subject of physiognomy, he had singular opinions. He believed that every man's face had the sign of a beast, or an animal, in it; for instance, that some, in disposition being like lions, were in the face like a lion; others like tigers, eagles, bull-dogs, and other beasts or birds.

Cobbett's profile he likened to that of a bull-dog. His projecting lips, and his projecting chin, shewed, that on whatsoever he fastened, there he would stick, and worry it so long as there was any thing to worry.

He often eulogized Mr. Vansittart and Lord Sidmouth. Sir William Curtis, too, was one of his favourites, inasmuch as he had behaved most liberally towards him, in paying him for the engraving of his portrait, of which latter print, however, he thought nothing; he said it was an ugly nob, at the best, to work from, but that if citizens would be so stupid as to give him large sums of money to engrave their awkward unmeaning faces, he could not help it—he must live by his art.

And being once pressed to engrave a portrait from a painting of Pitt, he replied that no price should tempt him to perpetuate the memory of such a frightful-looking beast; for that there was in him neither the eagle, nor any other particular beast nor bird, but that it was rather an assemblage of every thing disagreeable. He had a great dislike to the portrait of Nelson. He said it was full of lines, and a countenance indicating great delight in blood.

New Monthly Mag.

Astronomical Tables,
 CONTAINING THE
 PLACES AND POSITIONS OF THE PLANETS,
 THE LUNATIONS, AND OTHER PHENOMENA,
 FOR FUTURE YEARS.

TABLE I.

Places of Saturn and Jupiter, for Jan. Feb. March, & April, 1825.

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These tables, so valuable to the astrological student, will be continued in succeeding numbers, so as to display the whole of the celestial phenomena for years which are yet to come, and which will greatly enhance the value of our pages.

RUBEN'S LATIN MANUSCRIPT.

To the Editor of "The STRAGGLING ASTROLOGER."

SIR,

HAVING perceived, from a note in your last number of "The Straggling Astrologer," that you do not intend to allow, in future, any unchaste matter to appear in its pages, I have, therefore, great pleasure in handing you an extract from a manuscript which belonged to my much-esteemed friend, the late Richard Cosway, Esq. R. A. and which was his most favourite work, among the numerous, interesting, and curious books that he possessed. It was considered by him "a translation of the famous Latin manuscript, by Sir P. P. Rubens, annexed to his Treatise on the Proportions of the Human Figure; Cabalistic Principles; and the Propriety of Numbers applied to Chemical Operations," &c. It is farther said, that this identical manuscript "was sold at Huguier's famous sale at Paris." What I have here advanced, is expressed on a fly leaf of the translation, in the hand-writing of the late learned and sagacious Cosway. If, Sir, you consider the accompanying abstract suitable for "The Straggling Astrologer," I shall most probably offer you a succession of communications, not less interesting to pious and scientific Freemasons, as well as to the lovers of occult philosophy generally. I beg to subscribe myself,

PHILADELPHUS

HIEROGLYPHICA PROPHETICUS

COSMOPOLITA.

August 23, 1824.

AN

EXTRACT FROM THE TRANSLATION

OF

RUBEN'S LATIN MANUSCRIPT.

"IF then Love, in union with Humility, is, in an inferior sense, Perfection in this world already; it must needs be that, which is perfect in the highest fulness of perfection in the world to come: when this mysterious and prophetical character (said to have been the seal of David, that great warrior, and of Solomon, that prince of peace, and

that eminent lover of wisdom :—when this character, denoting hiero-



glyphically the spiritual signature both of David and of Solomon; denoting the two eternal principles *in union*; denoting the creation of the *third principle*; denoting the *six working properties of eternal nature in their everlasting rest*; denoting fire and water in an harmonious union; denoting the *two tinctures* restored into **ONE**, who is **ALL in ALL**, or without whom there can be nothing; denoting that all whatever was, or is, or shall be, is of, and through, and to, that **ONE**; denoting *almost the whole instance of time and eternity*, as the same, in our age, is laid open by Jacob Behmen, that blessed instrument in the hands of the Spirit of God; on which account, I may justly call this seal or character *prophetical*:) when this character, I say,



spiritualized, and only with *addition of a cross*, which is not expressed therein directly (and no wonder that it was not in those days), shall be the broad seal, not only of the eternal King of kings, but also of *every one* of his subjects; and not only of that everlasting kingdom of Light and Glory, but also of *every individual* inhabitant thereof; although *not in all of the same size*, but in some broader, and in others narrower, *yet in all of them*, from the highest to the lowest, the *very same*, as to its spiritual shape and figure—Amen, Hallelujah !”

THE SCIENTIFIC QUERIST.—No. IV.

Query 2. p. 222. answered by PHILOSOPHICUS.

DURING a thunder-storm the safest place is in the cellar; for when a person is below the surface of the earth, the lightning must strike it before it can reach him, and its force will probably be expended on it. When it is not possible to retreat to the cellar, the best situation is in the middle of a room, not under a metal chandelier, or any other conducting surface; and it is advisable to sit on one chair, and to lay the feet upon another; or it would be still better to lay two or three beds or mattrasses one upon another, in the middle of the room, and place the chairs upon them, the matters (viz. hair and feathers) with which they are stuffed being non-conductors.

Persons in fields should prefer the open parts to any shelter under the trees, &c. The distance of a thunder-cloud, and, consequently, the degree of danger, is not, however, difficult to be estimated. As light travels at the rate of 72,420 leagues in a second of time, its effects may be considered as instantaneous within any moderate distance; but sound, on the contrary, is transmitted only at the rate of 380 yards in a second.

By accurately observing the time, therefore, which intervenes between the flash and the noise of thunder which succeeds it, a very near calculation may be made of its distance.

We have received similar answers from “*Lyra*” and “*Oxonensis*.”

NEW QUERIES BY COUNT ADELPHI SUMADARTSON.

Query 1.—What work speaks most clearly of the method of computing eclipses?

Query 2. Have comets any influence upon the actions of men?

STUPENDOUS SHIP OF THE ANCIENTS.

Ptolomæus Philopater built a ship (saith Pancirollus), that the like was never seen before nor since.

It was two hundred and eighty cubits in length, fifty-two cubits in height from the bottom to the upper decks. It had four hundred banks or seats of rowers, four hundred mariners, and four thousand rowers; and on the decks it could contain three thousand soldiers.

There were also gardens and orchards on the top of it, as Plutarch relates in the life of Demetrius.

Geomancy.

FIGURE CAST FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LATE
QUEEN CAROLINE DIED,

AND WHICH MOST REMARKABLY PREFIGURED HER DISSOLUTION.

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fourth house, symbolically predicts a name and reputation, which should survive the lapse of ages in the page of history. The masculine figure Fortuna Major, in the fifth house, or house of pleasure and enjoyment, signifies that which the attentive student is aware we must not fully express.

But the most remarkable position is the movement of the first figure (which signified the Queen personally) into the house of death ! And this figure being noted by Mars, not only shewed, beforehand, that she would die that year, but that the death should be in a manner sudden and unexpected.

Tristitia, a figure of Saturn (the evil fortune), in the house of honour, and the figure in the house of enemies, signicator of the husband also, ruling the house of friends, clearly shewed the heavy disappointment and fatality which followed the whole of the actions of this royal native, from the time of setting this figure to that of her death—all which happened precisely as we predicted.

It is a singular fact, that Venus rules eight, and Mars four figures, out of the total number seventeen. May not this prove that those of her own rank and sex were her worst enemies ?

Anecdotes of the Dead.

(Continued from p. 254.)

AWFUL APPEARANCE OF AN EVIL SPIRIT TO THE LADY OF THE CONSTABLE OF FRANCE.

IN the Duke of Sully's Memoirs, book the tenth, there is a very remarkable account concerning the lady of the constable of France, then (in the year 1595) in the flower of her age, and supposed to be one of the most beautiful women in Europe. The account was given by several ladies who were then at her house.

She was conversing cheerfully with them in her closet, when one of her women came in, who seemed to be under great emotion, and said, “ My lady, a gentleman is just entering your antechamber, who is very tall, and quite black, and desires to speak with you. He says it is about affairs of great consequence, which he cannot communicate to any but you.”

At every circumstance relating to this extraordinary courier, which the woman was ordered to describe minutely, the lady was seen to turn pale, and was so oppressed with horror, that she was hardly able to tell her woman to entreat the gentleman, in her name, to defer his visit to another time. This message she delivered; but he answered in a tone which filled her with astonishment, “ If your lady will not come to me, I will go and seek her in her closet.” At last she resolved to go to him, but with all the marks of dismay and deep despair.

In a short time she returned to her company, bathed in tears, and half dead with dismay. She was able only to speak a few words to take leave of them, particularly the three ladies who were her friends, and to assure them she should never see them more.

That instant she was seized with exquisite pains—all her beauty was gone—every feature of her face was changed, and she became a spectacle of horror. At the end of three days she died, in the utmost agonies both of body and mind.

Of this story (the duke gravely adds) the wise thought as they ought to think!—Suppose the story to be true; suppose it be related just as it occurred (and there is no shadow of reason to imagine the contrary), all wise men ought to think, that God permitted an evil spirit to put an end to the life of an evil woman.

DREADFUL APPARITION TO CERTAIN GAMBLERS.

Anno Dom. 1533, near to Belissma in Helvetia, three men were playing at dice on a Sunday; and one of them, called Ulric Schraetus, having lost much money, at last expecting a good cast, broke out into this cursed speech, “ If fortune deceive me now, I will thrust my dagger into the very body of God, as far as I can!”

The cast miscarrying, he drew his dagger, and threw it against heaven with all his might; when behold, the dagger vanished, and five drops of blood fell upon the table, in the midst of them; and immediately the devil came in and carried away the blasphemous wretch, with such a noise, that the whole city was amazed at it; the others, half distracted with fear, strove with all their strength to wipe out the drops of blood; but the more they wiped it, the more clearly it appeared.

The rumour hereof flying into the city, multitudes flocked to the place, where they found the gamesters washing the board; whom, by the decree of the senate, they bound with chains, and carried towards the prison; but as they went by the way, one of them was suddenly struck

dead, with such a number of worms and vermin creeping out of him, as was wonderful and loathsome to behold. The third (to avert the indignation that seemed to hang over their heads) was by the citizens immediately put to death. The table was preserved for a monument to shew the accursedness of dicing, with the inconveniences and mischiefs attending upon the same.

Clark's Mirror, p. 62.

(To be continued.)

FATAL OMEN.

(From the Portfolio, Sept. 11th.)

A YOUNG nobleman of high hopes and fortune chanced to lose his way in the town which he inhabited, the capital (if I mistake not) of a German province. He had accidentally involved himself among the narrow and winding streets of a suburb, inhabited by the lowest order of people; and an approaching thunder-shower determined him to ask a short refuge in the most decent habitation that was near him.

He knocked at the door, which was opened by a tall man of a grisly and ferocious aspect, and sordid dress. The stranger was readily ushered to a chamber, where swords, scourges, and machines, which seemed to be implements of torture, were suspended on the wall. One of these swords dropped from its scabbard as the nobleman, after a moment's hesitation, crossed the threshold. His host immediately stared at him, with such a marked expression, that the young man could not help demanding his name and business, and the meaning of his looking at him so fixedly. "I am," answered the man, "the public executioner of this city; and the incident you have observed, is a sure augury that I shall, in discharge of my duty, one day cut off your head with the weapon which has just now spontaneously unsheathed itself."

The nobleman lost no time in leaving his place of refuge, but engaging in some of the plots of the period, was shortly after decapitated by that very man and instrument!

SIGNAL AND EXTRAORDINARY MUTATIONS
IN THE
FORTUNES OF ILLUSTRIOS PERSONS.

All human things on slender threads depend,
And sudden chance brings greatness to its end.

A FAVOURITE OF PTOLEMY.

A FAVOURITE of Ptolemy, king of Egypt, was mounted to so high a degree of honour, that he had but two discontentments in this life; the one, that he could grow no more, so great was he already become; the other, that the king, with all his revenues, seemed to him too poor to add any increase of riches.

A few days after this, this miserable creature was surprised by King Ptolemy courting one of his mistresses, for which contempt, in that instant, the lady was forced to drink poison, and the unfortunate courtier was hanged before his own lodging.

Caus. Holycourt, tom. 1. l. 2. p. 52.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Henry the Fourth, Emperor of Germany, having been often worsted in battle, was at last reduced to such exigencies, that he had not wherewith to buy him bread, but was forced to come to the great church at Spires, which he himself had built, and there beg to be a chorister, that so he might get a small stipend to keep him from starving, but could not obtain it; which repulse caused him to speak to the bystanders in the words of the lamenting Job, chap. xix. 21: "Have pity upon me, O my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me."

The weight of these miseries brought him shortly after to the grave, but he found none so humane as to put him in; for he lay five years unburied, no man daring to do it, because the Pope had forbidden it to be done.

This wonderful change in the state of so great a person, fell out about the year 1106.

Ibid. p. 58.

ELECTIONS OF FORTUNATE TIMES

FOR WINNING AT

HORSE OR FOOT-RACES.

FOR horse-races, let Aries, Leo, Libra, or Sagittarius, ascend at the time you commence your course, but chiefly Sagittarius, and let the mid-heaven and ascendant, as well as the lords of those houses, be strong and well aspected by good planets, but let the lord of the seventh house be as weak as you can place him, and afflicted. These testimonies gain the victory.

And, if possible, let the Moon in Libra, or Sagittarius, be in good aspect of Mars, Sol, Jupiter, or Venus,—for then, the beginner of the wager wins the race.

But the lord of the seventh strong, and better fortified than the lord of the ascendant, brings damage and misfortune to the beginner of the wager: so does the Moon, when slow in motion, and afflicted by Saturn or Mars.

The lord of the 12th house retrograde, or lord of the ascendant otherwise afflicted, the rider or horse of the beginner's side will come to some hurt or misfortune, and consequently lose the race.

In foot-races let a human sign ascend, or the Moon be posited in one. Observe the lord of the eleventh, and make the lord of the fifth as weak as possible; but, above all, making Mercury your friend, by making him ruler of the eleventh house, or place him there in some of his dignities, or else in the ascendant, or tenth house, in good aspect of the Moon, or lord of the ascendant.

In horse-races, make Jupiter your friend, and place him as you did Mercury for foot-races. But if you cannot find a proper time to place all these as above, at any rate fortify the Moon to avoid treachery, avoiding her evil aspect to Saturn, Mars, or Mercury, or their ill aspect to one another, or the Dragon's Tail in the ascendant, or with the Moon; neither let Saturn, Mars, Sol, or Mercury, govern the ascendant or hour in which the race begins.

Zyra.

SINGULAR CONCERT.

THE Abbot of Baigne, a man of great wit, and who had the art of inventing new musical instruments, being in the service of Lewis XI. king of France, was ordered by that prince to get him a concert of swine's voices, thinking it impossible.

The abbot was not surprised, but asked money for the performance, which was immediately delivered to him; and he wrought a thing as singular as ever was seen. For out of a great number of hogs, of several ages, which he got together, and placed under a tent or pavilion, covered with velvet, before which he had a table of wood, painted with a certain number of keys, he made an organical instrument, and as he played upon the said keys, with little spikes which pricked the hogs, he made them cry in such order and consonance, as highly delighted the king, and all his company.—*Bayle's Dict.* vol. 3. Lew. XI.

PREDICTION RELATIVE TO

The Death of the King of France.

OUR readers will perceive this event plainly prefigured in the Hieroglyphic of the present number. We are likewise confident we shall be readily believed, when we state the design was sent to the engraver for more than a month previously to its appearing: but through some unforeseen contingency, and the absence of the Publisher, it was by some means neglected, and consequently did not appear last week, as it should have done. The astrological cause of this neglect may be owing chiefly to the retrogradation of Mercury in Libra—which has also caused many losses in the commercial, literary, and mercantile world, the stopping of the rich Banking-house in Berner's Street, and other events prefigured in page 246 of the present work.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

OUR correspondent “H. W.” wishes to know, whether any of our readers is in possession of a *circular astrolabe* or *planisphere*, that may be of use for setting a figure of the heavens, and calculating directions. If they have, a liberal price will be given for a copy of the same, and a letter, post paid, addressed to the Editor, for this gentleman, will meet with strict attention.

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